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MS. CONWAY: Hi, Ursula Conway and I, too, think that this process has been somewhat flawed. I think that the project obviously is huge, already having spent three billion dollars, and I understand that to make any project successful, particularly a large one, you have to define what the scope is, but I think there are a few things that have been missed in the scope of this project and I'm disappointed how many of my tax dollars have been spent to get us to where we are today.

There are a few things that I just think are so fundamental that I can't believe were even gathered together to talk about the Yucca Mountain Project. The first one is equity. I don't understand why Nevada should be selected as the location to bear nuclear waste for an entire country when we don't even have a nuclear plant in this state. I understand and agree that we bear some responsibility for waste produced at a national level for research projects, medical waste, that sort of thing, but I don't understand bearing the power waste of other states. Let the owners bear the risk of that -- of that shortcut that they're taking.

Secondly, seismic activity. Why in God's name would we pick the most active seismic state to put the waste? Thirdly, population. We are the fastest growing community, if not the fastest in the nation. Why would we put this a stone's throw away from that kind of population growth? That's crazy. And finally, three-quarters of Nevadans are against Yucca Mountain. How is it that our government can force this on us? What happened to our representation? I'm very concerned about that.

So I think there's several holes here, and I think as follow on to the project, what I would be questioning is are we spending any comparable amount of money on alternatives to nuclear power? Are we looking at safe and clean sources of energy so that we don't have this kind of problem in the future? And finally, along with everybody else, where have the announcements been for these meetings? How are you advertising it? How about the population at large?